

Asia ex-Japan

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Macro Outlook

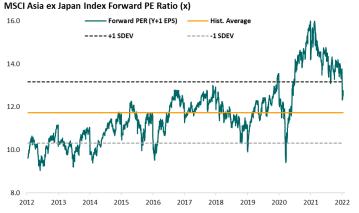
- Growth momentum should slow in 1Q22 given rising Omicron cases and moderating export growth. However, we expect a turnaround in 2Q, when the regional economies start to re-open.
- Policy direction is still relatively accommodative compared to other EM regions like LatAM and EMEA. Inflationary pressures remain subdued and manageable for many Asian economies.

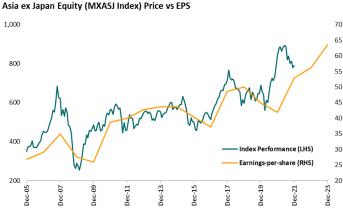
What we like about

- World is on the cusp of wider scale re-openings, which should act as a major equity catalyst for the region.
- An expected turn around in China equities should greatly uplift regional equities.
- Strong upsides for the region and regional economies given robust earnings outlook and lower valuations relative to EM peers.

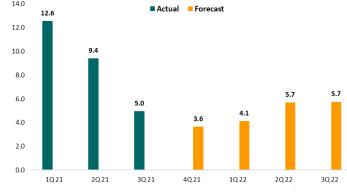
Investment Risk(s)

- Greatly exposed to turbulence in China markets.
- High dependency on global recovery and reopening.





Real Quarterly GDP - Actual and Forecast (YoY %)



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P, iFAST compilations. Data as of Jan 2022

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